

FLEET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,
FLEET. Hants.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1945. It is prepared on the lines of that for 1944, as indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular 28/46 (England).

Statistic and Social Conditions of the Area.

The Area of the District is 3,694 acres.

Estimated population by Registrar General.	8,053.
Number of inhabited houses.	2,338.
Rateable Value.	£76,948.
Penny Rate.	£309.

Social Conditions.

The District is a residential one, adjoining military terrain. There are no important industries and a large number of inhabitants are retired people.

Vital Statistics.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Live Births.	151.	75.	76.
Legitimate.		66.	65.
Illegitimate.		9.	11.

Birth Rate 18.7.

Still Births.	2.	2.	-
Legitimate.		2.	-
Illegitimate.		-	-

Deaths.	115.	55.	60.
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Death Rate 14.2.

The respective rates for England and Wales were :-

Birth Rate 16.1. Death Rate 11.4.

Maternal Mortality Rate.	-	No recorded deaths.
Infants died under 1 year	-	8.
Rate per 1,000 births.		52.9.

The Public Health during the year 1945 was satisfactory.

The following cases of Notifiable Diseases occurred during the year.

Cerebro Spinal Fever.	1.
Diphtheria.	8.
Erysipelas.	3.
Measles.	264.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	1.
Pneumonia.	20.
Scarlet Fever.	8.
Tuberculosis.	11.
Whooping Cough.	26.

Of 115 deaths recorded in the Fleet area, 37 were due to heart disease and allied conditions, 16 to Cerebral Haemorrhage and 22 to Cancer.

Vaccination.

55 successful primary vaccinations were done during the year. No revaccinations were done.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

There are two District Nurses who are qualified midwives, provided by the District Nursing Association. No contribution is made by the Local Authority.

The Fleet and District Hospital contains 30 beds (8 male, 14 female and 5 children's) and 3 private wards and provides general medical and surgical treatment. There is a separate children's ward. There is no resident Medical Officer. There is a consultant surgical staff in addition to the Doctors in practice in the area who attend at the Hospital.

Cases of Infectious Disease are treated at the Aldershot Civil Joint Isolation Hospital. The Fever Ambulance maintained by Farnborough Urban District Council is used for the conveyance of these patients by arrangement at an agreed rate.

The County Council is the Authority which has to provide for Tuberculosis, School Medical Service, Mental Deficiency, Venereal Disease, Maternity and Child Welfare and Orthopaedic Services and the care of premature infants and illegitimate children.

The special clinic for Venereal Disease is held at Manor Park House, Manor Park, Aldershot, by the County Council.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis for infants and school children is done by the Local Authority for the County and is a free service. Clinics are held monthly at Fleet and Crookham and much time is spent in trying to obtain as large a number of protected children as possible. People may elect to have their children done privately by their own Doctor if they wish, and prophylaxis is provided free on demand by the Doctor.

The number of children immunised who completed the course for 1945 was 259 (excluding those done privately). The immunisation percentage is estimated at 85%.

No cases of Venereal Disease were specially brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health in 1945.

Infestation. The amount of infestation in the area is very small.

Two cases of Scabies were brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health and treatment arranged for.

The County Laboratory Services at Winchester undertake all pathological and chemical examinations. As regards this Department, examinations of swabs for Diphtheria, samples of milk, ice cream and water are the most usual requests. These services also supply us with the Ministry of Health Diphtheria Prophylactic.

Expectant Mothers requiring Hospital accommodation are referred to the County Medical Officer, or uncertain cases to the Relieving Officer, Mr. P. Morgan, 113, Fleet Road, Fleet.

The following is a list of Clinics held in the Area.

<u>Clinic.</u>	<u>Place.</u>
<u>Diphtheria Immunisation.</u>	The Institute, Albert Street, Fleet.
<u>Diphtheria Immunisation.</u>	Women's Institute, Aldershot Road, Crookham.
<u>Child Welfare.</u>	The Institute, Albert Street, Fleet.
<u>Ante Natal.</u>	The Institute, Albert Street, Fleet.

Outside the District but serving the Area Tuberculosis and Venereal Disease Clinics are held by the County at Manor Park, Aldershot, and Orthopaedic Clinics for school children and infants at Farnborough. School Eye Clinics are held by the County at Aldershot, as required.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1839 out of 2338 houses in the District are now connected with main sewerage system. Conditions have not changed materially since the start of the War.

Housing. The housing situation in 1945 showed no appreciable change.

The shortage of housing accommodation was general and country wide in 1945 and became more acute at the close of hostilities and with the return of service personnel. This matter is well known to every one and there is no doubt about the serious overcrowding that exists.

Water Supply.

The water supply for the Area is supplied by the Mid Wessex Water Company.

1. It is satisfactory (a) in quality (b) in quantity.
2. Bacteriological examinations are made.
3. The water is not liable to have plumbo solvent action.
4. No contamination in the area occurred in 1945.
5. The number of dwelling houses which have a piped supply is all the houses except 60 which have no water supply viz. 2278 houses.

The permitted scale of hardness is 12° Clark's Scale and the quarterly figures of hardness are 8.26°, 15.4°, 12.2° and 12.22° respectively which gives an average of 12°. Of the 60 houses which are on a well supply, tests are taken at intervals and attempts made to improve the supply where necessary.

The staff of the Health Department has worked hard and well throughout the year and the success of the Department is in great part due to them.

This report is presented on behalf of Colonel H.M. Mackenzie who held tenure of office of Medical Officer of Health during 1945.

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Fleet Urban District Council.

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